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SUBJECT: HOMELANDS CONSOLIDATION DEVELOPMENTS

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1. PAST TWO WEEKS HAVE SEEN FOLLOWING FURTHER ACTIONS ON PART OF TRANSVAAL HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS RE SAG CONSOLIDATION PROPOSALS:

A. AT END OF MAY GAZANKULU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED SAG' S CONSOLIDATION PROPOSALS AND DEMANDED INCLUSION OF SIX WHITE TOWNS. CALLING SCHEME " COLOSSAL BLUNDER " WHICH AMOUNTED TO " MERE FRAGMENTATION, NOT CONSOLIDATION," CHIEF MINISTER NTSANWISI SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE URGENT REPRESENTATIONS TO SAG. IN RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW HE VOICED BELIEF HOMELAND LEADERS SHOULD MEET TO THRASH OUT APPROACHES TO COMMON PROBLEMS INCLUDING CONSOLIDATION.

B. ON JUNE 7, LEBOWA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REJECTED SAG' S PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION SCHEME AND DEMANDED MORE LAND INCLUDING TWELVE WHITE TOWNS. INTERIOR MINISTER COLLINS RAMUSI CALLED

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FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF HOMELAND LEADERS TO DISCUSS CONSOLIDATION ISSUE AND " MASS REMOVAL AND ENDLESS SHIFTING FO BLACK PEOPLE " WHICH SAG PROPOSALS WOULD ENTAIL. CHIEF MINISTER PHATUDI WARNED THAT UNLESS SAG WILLING TO PROVIDE MORE LAND THAN STIPULATED IN 1936 ACT, IT RISKED LOSING CONFIDENCE OF HOMELAND LEADERS WHO HITHERTO PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN MAKING SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT WORK.

C. CHIEF MASELOANE, BOPHUTHATSWANA ACTING CHIEF MINISTER ( DURING TRIP OF CHIEF MINISTER MANGOPE TO US AND EUROPE) REPORTED BY JUNE 10 SUNDAY TIMES TO HAVE ACCUSED BANTU ADMINISTRATION MINISTER M. C. BOTHA OF BREACHING UNDERTAKING THAT BOPHUTHATSWANA CONSOLIDATION PLANS WOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT THIS YEAR. ( THEY WERE TABLED SURING PRECEDING WEEK.) HE TOLD PAPER THAT TSWANAS WERE TOTALLY AGAINST SAG PROPOSALS; THESE INVOLVED A HOMELAND OF SIX UNCONNECTED AREAS AND WOULD PROVIDE FAR TOO LITTLE LAND AND THAT OF INFERIOR QUALITY.

2. COMMENT: CLAIMS SUBMITTED BY TRANSVAAL HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS INVOLVE SOME MUTUAL CONFLICT. GAZANKULU AND LEBOWA HAVE BOTH ASKED FOR TOWN OF TZANEEN, AND GAZANKULU HAS CLAIMED PARTS OF LEBOWA AND VENDA HOMELANDS.  
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